

HEADQUARTERS
4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96262

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced:

GAUGHAN, VINCENT M 05420142 FIRST LIEUTENANT ARTILLERY United States Army
C Btry, 4th Bn, 42d Arty, 4th Inf Div, APO 96262

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 16 February 1967

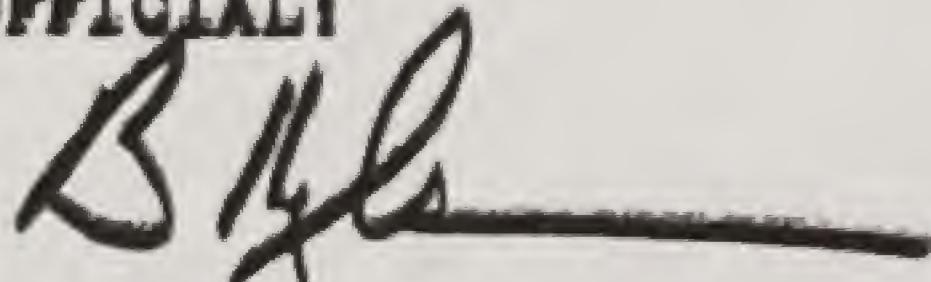
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Gaughan distinguished himself while serving as a Forward Observer with Company C, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry, which was conducting a search and destroy mission west of the Nam Sathy River on 16 February 1967. Late that evening Company C was notified that its sister company had engaged the enemy. Company C moved to aid them but made contact with an undetermined number of North Vietnamese Regulars about three hundred meters from their objective. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Gaughan maneuvered to an exposed position and recovered the Company Commander who was wounded during the initial exchange of fire. The company then fought its way through the dense jungle to the other unit and a defensive perimeter was established. Lieutenant Gaughan courageously aided in rescuing wounded personnel and returning them to the safety of the defensive perimeter. When this was accomplished, he accurately placed supporting artillery fire on the hostile positions. Throughout the night he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, completely disrupting their attack. First Lieutenant Gaughan's personal heroism, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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